

MINUTES

West Hartford Parks and Rec Advisory Board Meeting
July 13, 2015 – 5:30pm (Veterans Skating Rink)
Meeting was called to order by Chris Bennett at 5:30 pm

1. Roll Call: John Minze, Michael Esernia, Chris Bennett, Helen Rubino-Turco, Brian Clifford, Jen Strassfield, Sarah Needham
2. Not attending: Brian Steckroth, Josh Cantor.
3. Introductions of all members. No new appointments.
4. Dog Park Memo from the Town Council was discussed briefly. Key point in the memo is that the topic is frozen and the Town Council will not field new suggestions for a dog park location in the immediate future.
5. Beachland Pool Renovations Update: Construction is delayed, pool will not open this summer.
6. Summer Pool Hours: The Parks and Rec department is working to extend the swimming season. More information will be made available when details are confirmed. Several new ideas are being researched to change how the pool admission tickets are issued and managed.
7. Other park related construction projects: Handicapped restroom/concession at Miracle League. Goodrich soccer complex concession stand. Funded primarily by community groups. Cornerstone's exterior entry steps and handicapped ramps are nearly complete. Shut down for two weeks in the end of August (14-28) will allow for interior improvements and cleaning. Next year internal renovation of old locker room to add additional family changing rooms. New parking spaces added on Whitman Road to support Fernridge Park.
8. Feast on the Farm: Friday September 25th. Proceeds go to renovating the barn.
9. Remaining meeting dates: Sept 21st, November 16th.
10. Veteran's Skate Rink: Introduced to Peter Montesano – VMSR Rink Manager. Reviewed his vision for improving the rink and how ice time is balanced between the various groups.
11. Toured the Skate Rink
12. Adjourned: 6:35 pm